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Sir:

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The claims of the application as now presented are believed to patentably distinguish over the prior art and to be in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

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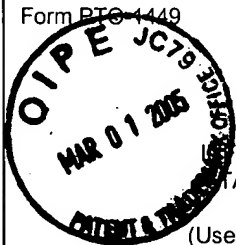
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		1.	Patent Abstracts of Japan, Vol. 1997, No. 2, 28 February 1997 & JP 8-268905, 15 October 1996

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